

CP 2.3 Initial Specimen Collection: Out-Of-Hospital (OH)/Licensed Health Facility Births

POLICY:

1. All newborns born in California must have newborn screening testing per state regulations and protocols generated by the Genetic Disease Screening Program (GDSP) of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
2. It is the responsibility of the Primary Care Provider (PCP) - Midwife, Pediatric Care Provider, etc. - to ensure that testing is accomplished when a baby is born outside of a licensed health care facility.
3. Local and county birth registrars must provide information on NBS to parents registering their baby and must notify GDSP when registering a newborn born out of a licensed health facility.

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PROTOCOL:

Resp. Person	Action
Birth Attendant (Midwife, Primary Care Provider, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides copy of Newborn Screening Program booklet entitled “<i>Important Information for Parents About the Newborn Screening Test</i>”. Answers questions and informs mother/parents/legal guardian(s) about Newborn Screening regulations and the importance of screening. After delivery of newborn, arranges for newborn screening dried blood spot collection or performs collection per protocols.
Local or County Registrar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon notification of out-of-hospital birth, records birth. Provides copy of Newborn Screening Program booklet entitled “<i>Important Information for Parents About the Newborn Screening Test</i>” to mother/parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of newborn. Completes “<i>Notification of Registration of Birth Which Occurred Out of Licensed Health Facility</i>” (NBS-OH) and distributes copies as indicated on form: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Original to Local Health Officer. Yellow and Pink copies to California Department of Public Health , Genetic Disease Screening Program, Newborn Screening Branch to the attention of the NBS Program Technician. Retains Goldenrod copy in Registrar files.
NBS Section Program Tech.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon receipt of NBS-OH, scans OH into SIS (SIS searches for match). If SIS unable to match to a specimen, manually searches for match. If unable to manually match or, if baby has not been screened, transfers NBS-OH in SIS to appropriate ASC Headline Case List for follow-up.
ASC Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathers additional information (aka, name correction, etc.) as needed and/or contacts family to provide information about screening and encourages them to have baby tested. Assists in making arrangements for testing. Works with newborn's primary physician and/or local health officer to obtain specimen. If family cannot be located, makes Public Health Nurse (PHN) referral. If family refuses testing, sends letter to them outlining efforts made to have baby tested, and requests that they complete and return <i>Newborn Screening Test Refusal</i> (NBS-TR) form (which must be forwarded to GDSP). If refusal is returned signed, closes case in SIS as “Refused.” If family doesn’t respond within two weeks, sends certified letter with information cited above. If family doesn’t respond to certified letter within 2 weeks, resolves case in SIS as “No response.”